

[English]

**Funds for Provision of Drinking Water to Towns and Cities**

6598. SHRI V. DHANANJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have allocated funds to the State Governments for providing drinking water supply and under-ground drainage facilities in towns and cities; and

(b) if so, the amount allocated to Karnataka for the year 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. However, a provision of Rs. 3 crores was released during 1990-91 and Rs. 3.5 crores during 1991-92 to the HUDCO for extending Central assistance to the urban local bodies in the State Govts./UTs for drinking water supply schemes in urban towns having population of less than 5 lakhs (1981 census). The Central grant through HUDCO is projected and is limited to 5% of the project cost or Rs. 25 lakhs whichever is less.

(b) No amount has been earmarked for Karnataka as the funds are not allocated State-wise. However, as per the information furnished by the State Govt., the Ministry of Defence has given the following loans to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme III stage:-

1990	Rs. 300 lakhs
1991	Rs. 400 lakhs
1992	Rs. 300 lakhs

[Translation]

**Houses Allotted to Widows by DDA**

6599. SHRI SURENDRAPAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of widows registered by Delhi Development Authority under the Scheme for allotting houses to widows of 35 years of age or below:-

(b) the number of such widows allotted houses under this scheme; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to allot houses to all such registered widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As reported by Delhi Development Authority no registration scheme for widows has been floated by the DDA.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

**Price rise by Small Scale Drug Units**

6600. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to the news item appearing in Economic Times dated December 26, 1991 regarding price rise by small drug units;

(b) whether the small scale drug units are exempted from Drug Price Control Order, 1986;

(c) whether these units are free to charge any price from the consumers which happens to be higher than the notified prices;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to check the rising prices of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d). Under DPCO, 1987, SSI units are exempt from price control in respect of Category II formulations.

(e) The prices of price controlled medicines are fixed/revised in accordance with the provision contained in DPCO, 1987. In respect of price decontrolled medicines, Government keeps constant watch on their prices.

[Translation]

#### Closure of Certain Fertilizer Units

6601. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:  
SHRI JAGMIT SINGH:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:  
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:  
SHRI A. CHARLES:  
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether due to heavy cut in subsidy fertilizer, a large number of fertilizer manufacturing units are likely to be closed down;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, out of about 135 fertilizer manufacturing units, 24 units manufacturing Single Superphosphate (SSP) in small and medium sector are reported to have temporarily stopped producing SSP mainly due to some delay in revision of subsidy taking into account cost escalations arising out of increase in the cost of imported raw materials. Some of these units out of 24, however, continued to manufacture sulphuric acid. All efforts are being made to revise the subsidy on account of cost escalations expeditiously.

[English]

#### Nuclear power Plant for Kerala and Karnataka

6602. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Chemical Research, Indira Gandhi Atomic Research Centre, Kalpakkam has pointed out that there is need for nuclear power generation for States like Kerala and Karnataka whose increasing power needs could not be met by hydel generation alone;

(b) whether it has been pointed out that these States had now become power starved due to lean monsoon;

(c) whether it has also been pointed out that nuclear power generation would be cheaper compared to thermal power;

(d) if so, whether the Government have considered the view of the expert; and